No separate statistics of illegal benemi bank accounts found during searches are available. Whenever, such accounts are found, the balances are seized/appropriated for realisation of tax dues.

The information about other enforcement agencies is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Development of National Highways in Orissa

+1405. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of National Highwaye passing through Orissa and their length; and

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on the development of national Highways in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTE OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are six National Highways passing through the State of Orissa having an aggregate length of 1649 kms.

(b) Details of expenditure incurred on the development of National Highways in Orissa during last three years are as below:-

Year	*Expenditure on Development works (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-89	1202.02
1989-90	1293.51
1990-91	1050.03

Tea Export

1406. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of Indian tea has declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to boost tea export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Figures for exports of tea during last five years are as follows:

Year	*Quantity M. Kgs.*	*Value Rs. Crores*	*Unit Value Rs. per kg.*
1986-87	196.23	579.48	30.25
1987-88	201.83	627.77	29.53

Year	*Quantity M. Kgs.*	*Value Rs. Crores*	*Unit Value Rs. per kg.*
1988-89	204.08	635.28	31.13
1989-90	210.62	904.72	42.86
1990-91*	199.48	1045.41	52.40

*Estimated

It may be seen that the value realisation as well as unit value realisation has shown an increase while the quantity exported has stagnated at the level of around 200 M. Kgs.

(b) The rising domestic demand is the major reason for tagnation in the quantity of tea exports.

(c). The measures taken by the Government to boost exports include:-

(i) Enhancing production and productivity to increase availability for exports;

(ii) Devaluation of the Indian Rupee which has made our tea more competitive;

(iii) Providing exim scrips against exports to encourage export of tea; and

(iv) Promotion of Indian tea through the foreign offices and participation in trade fairs.

[*English*]

Widening of National Highway No. 1 to Four Lanes

1407. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to widen the National Highway No. 1 between Sonipat and Amritsar to four lanes;

(b) if so, when the work is likely to be started; and

(c) the time schedule for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). National Highway No. 1 links Delhi with Amritsar. Stretches of this National Highway, viz. from Delhi upto Murthal (near Sonepat) in Haryana, and Ludhiana) to Goraya in Punjab, are already 4 lane. In addition, work of widening is in progress from Murthal to Karnal in Haryana, and from Sirhind to Ludhiana and Goraya to Jalandhar in Punjab. Widening from Karnal to Sirhind is proposed to be carried out under the Second World Bank Loan which is yet to be signed with the Bank. There is at present no proposal to widen Jalandhar-Amritsar section.

(c) It is too early to give time schedule for 4 laning of entire reach of the National Highway from Sonepat to Amritsar.

SLPs on service matters pending in Supreme Court

1408. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUS-